

WWW BASED UNION CATALOGUE OF MARINE INSTITUTIONS PARTICIPATING IN ODINAFRICA PROJECT USING INMAGIC

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ABSTRACT: Most of the marine science national libraries in Africa have not yet automated all records for their on-line search and acquisitions so the access via the Internet is not possible. This union catalogue, still in development in terms of record input, contains records and covers, printed material acquired by the libraries in the institutions participating in the ODINAFRICA project covering 21 countries in Africa. The database is developed in Inmagic, previous records from individual institutions which were in CDS-ISIS and Filemaker are converted into Inmagic and merged into one database hosted at a server in IOC of UNESCO. This online catalogue covers the majority of the printed collections. Searching with terms and Boolean operators is possible, as is printing of the search results. The objectives are:

- One touch source for marine science information in Africa
- Enhance information sharing in Africa through ILL and document delivery.

Libraries are responsible for collecting all publications issued in their respective countries. For this reason, the catalogue of a library is the best guide to publications issued in the country in question, and people wanting information on the publications which are held in marine science Institutions in Africa should make this WWW based catalogue the starting point of their search.

